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## European foreword

This document (prEN 1978:2021) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 “Copper and copper alloys”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

This document will supersede EN 1978:1998.

In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- a) The reference to EN 1655 has been replaced by EN ISO/IEC 17050-1 and EN ISO/IEC 17050-2.

This is one of a series of European Standards for products manufactured from refined copper grades. Other products are specified as follows:

EN 1976, *Copper and copper alloys — Cast unwrought copper products*

EN 1977, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper drawing stock (wire rod)*

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## **Introduction**

This document was prepared to combine the various requirements and methods of test for copper cathodes, previously dealt with in a range of separate national standards.

Copper cathodes are intended for melting. Cu-CATH-1 (CR001A) is primarily intended for the production of high conductivity copper, such as for drawing stock. Cu-CATH-2 (CR002A) is intended for the production of other wrought products for electrical and general purposes.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the composition and property requirements for cathodes of two copper grades, designated Cu-CATH-1 (CR001A) and Cu-CATH-2 (CR002A).

Annex A (normative) describes methods for sampling cathodes for use in cases of dispute between the purchaser and the supplier. Annex B (informative) gives information on the relationships between electrical resistivity and conductivity of copper.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60468, *Method of measurement of resistivity of metallic materials*

EN 16117-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Determination of copper content — Part 2: Electrolytic determination of copper in materials with copper content higher than 99,80 %*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

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### **cathode**

flat, unwrought product made by electrolytic deposition

### **3.2**

#### **lot**

quantity of copper cathodes weighing over 25 t and up to and including 200 t, consisting of one consignment, or part of one consignment, produced by one refinery

### **3.3**

#### **bundle**

total amount of a certain number of cathodes, typically 20 to 60, stacked together and secured, generally by steel bands

### **3.4**

#### **sample cathodes**

number of cathodes randomly selected from the lot, and considered in total to be representative of the lot

### **3.5**

#### **cathode sample**

portion of one of the sampled cathodes (see 3.4) obtained by systematic cutting of vertical strips

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sample produced by melting and casting the cathode samples (see 3.5) obtained from all the sampled cathodes into a suitable mould (or moulds)

Note to entry 1: This is considered to be representative of the lot.

**3.7****analysis sample**

representative fractions of swarf taken from the swarf arising from drilling, milling or sawing the bulk sample castings (see 3.6)

**4 Designations****4.1 Material****4.1.1 General**

The material is designated either by symbol or number (see Table 1).

**4.1.2 Symbol**

The material symbol designation is based on the designation system given in ISO 1190-1.

**4.1.3 Number**

The material number designation is in accordance with the system given in EN 1412.

**4.2 Product**

The product designation provides a standardized pattern of designation from which a rapid and unequivocal description of a product is conveyed in communication. It provides mutual comprehension at the international level with regard to products which meet the requirements of the relevant European Standard.

The product designation is not substitute for the full content of the standard.

The product designation for products to this document shall consist of:

- denomination (cathode);
- number of this document (EN 1978);
- material designation, either symbol or number (see Table 1).

The derivation of a product designation is shown in the following example.

EXAMPLE Cathode conforming to this standard, in material designated either Cu-CATH-1 or CR001A, shall be designated as follows:



	Cathode or Cathode	EN 1978 – Cu-CATH-1
Denomination	_____	_____
Number of this European Standard	_____	EN 1978 - CR001A
Material designation	_____	_____

## 5 Ordering information

In order to facilitate the enquiry, order and confirmation of order procedures between the purchaser and the supplier, the purchaser shall state on his enquiry and order the following information:

- quantity of product required (mass);
- denomination (cathode);
- number of this document (EN 1978);
- material designation (see Table 1).

It is recommended that the product designation, as described in 4.2. is used for items b) to d).

In addition, the purchaser shall also state on the enquiry and order any of the following, if required:

- the dimensions and tolerances required, if the cathodes are to be supplied cut to size (see 6.3);
- whether a declaration of conformity is required (see 9.1);
- whether an inspection document is required, and if so, which type (see 9.2).

EXAMPLE Ordering details for 100 t of cathode conforming to EN 1978, in material designated either Cu-CATH-1 or CR001A:

**100 t Cathode EN 1978 – Cu-CATH-1**

or

**100 t Cathode EN 1978 – CR001A**

## 6 Requirements

### 6.1 Composition

The composition shall conform to the requirements for the appropriate grade given in Table 1.

### 6.2 Electrical properties

The electrical properties shall conform to the requirements for the appropriate grade given in Table 2. The tests shall be carried out in accordance with 8.2.

NOTE Mass resistivity is the mandatory electrical property requirement in this document. The relationship between mass resistivity and the corresponding volume resistivity and conductivity is given in Annex B.

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### **6.3 Dimensions and tolerances**

The cathodes shall be either whole or cut to sizes as agreed between the purchaser and the supplier and stated in the purchaser's order [see Clause 5 e)].

### **6.4 Surface condition**

Cathodes shall withstand ordinary handling without breakage. They shall be reasonably free from nodules, outgrowth edges and from all extraneous materials such as electrolyte residues, dirt, grease and oil.

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